



## *North Carolina Study Commission on Aging*

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### **COMMISSION TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING ON ISSUES INVOLVING OLDER ADULTS IN WILSON, NC**

**Raleigh** – The public is invited to address the North Carolina Study Commission on Aging during a public hearing on issues involving older adults in North Carolina. The hearing will be held from **10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 6, 2008**, on the **third (3<sup>rd</sup>) floor of the Upper Coastal Plain Business Development Center**, located at **121 West Nash Street, Wilson, NC**.

The Commission Co-chairs, Representative Jean Farmer-Butterfield and Senator Vernon Malone, invite older adults, family caregivers, agency representatives, service providers, and members of the public with experience related to aging issues to attend. The North Carolina Study Commission on Aging was created in 1987 to study and evaluate the system of State services delivered to older adults and to recommend an improved system to meet the present and future needs of older adults in North Carolina. The Commission includes: members of the North Carolina House of Representatives, members of the North Carolina Senate; and providers of health, mental health, and social services to older adults.

Each year the Commission examines a variety of issues and makes recommendations to the General Assembly and the Governor on ways to improve the delivery of services to older adults in North Carolina. As part of the information gathering process, the Commission members are interested in public input on ways to improve the quality and delivery of care for older adults in North Carolina, including: home and community-based long-term care, long-term care facilities, senior centers, adult day care, housing, transportation, and Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia. Individuals who wish to address the Commission may sign-up immediately prior to the hearing and are asked to limit comments to three minutes. Speakers are also asked to furnish a written copy of their comments if possible.

For more information on the public hearing contact: Theresa Matula, Shawn Parker, or Ben Popkin, Commission Staff, at 919-733-2578; or Heather Proctor, Area Agency on Aging Director, Upper Coastal Plain Council of Governments, at 252-234-5956.

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